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1. SUMMARY: DIFFERING VIEWS OF REVIEW MISSION AND EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY MARAMIS ON ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION OF REGIONAL TRAINING
INSTITUTIONS DEFERRED TO NEW DELHI PLENARY SESSION FOR RESOLUTION.
AUSTRALIAN REGISTRY OFFER BECAME MORE COMPLICATED AND CONFUSED.
MARAMIS APPARENTLY RESOLVED GROWING DISPUTE WITH UNDP OVER AGRI-
CULTURAL MACHINERY PROJECT TO JAPANESE AND FILIPINO SATISFACTION;
IT WILL NOW BE A RESEARCH NETWORK INSTEAD OF MACHINERY CENTER. JAPAN,
USSR AND UK JOINED US IN DESCRIBING REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY SCHEME
AS PREMATURE. MARAIMIS' INTENTION WAS TO PROVOKE REGIONAL SUGGESTIONS
AT PLENARY SESSION FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IN JUNE. MARAMIS ALSO
PROPOSED SEVERAL UNEXCITING RESOLUTIONS FOR PLENARY SESSION. END
SUMMARY.

2. REVIEW OF REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS: AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE,
CONSENSUS LED BY MALAYSIA SUPPORTED POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS
FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL OF ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND PLANNING (AIEDP). MARAMIS PROPOSED CREATION OF WORKING GROUP AT
NEW DELHI TO FORMULATE CONSENSUS ON OVERALL GOVERNANCE OF REGIONAL
TRAINING INSTITUTIONS BASED ON REPORTS OF REVIEW MISSION(E/CN.11/1211)
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AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (E/CN.11/1209).

3. REGISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES: AUSTRALIA CONTINUED TO RUN INTO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING ESCAP ACCEPTANCE OF ITS REGISTRY OFFER. NEW REPORTS FROM TASK FORCE AND EXPERT GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (DIS) FOR ESCAP (OES/ACPR/30 AND 31) COMPOUNDED CONFUSION OVER VALUE OF REGISTRY OUTPUT TO ESCAP AND ITS ULTIMATE LOCATION AND OPERATOR. (AIT WAS MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE OPERATOR.) ONLY PAKISTAN AND THAILAND SUPPORTED ESCAP ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTRY. AUSTRALIA AND OTHER REGISTRY MEMBERS WILL SUBMIT FORMAL OFFER OF REGISTRY AT NEW DELHI SESSION. BECAUSE OF INCREASINGLY CONFUSED DISCUSSION AND LACK OF WIDE REGIONAL COUNTRY INTEREST, US VIEWS (STATE 747) WERE WITHHELD FOR MORE EFFECTIVE USE AT PLENARY SESSION. NETHERLANDS QUESTIONED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN OFFER BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.

4. AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY CENTER REPORT: MARAMIS REPORTED UNDP HAS AGREED TO ESCAP BECOMING EXECUTING AGENT FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PROJECT WHICH HAS NOW BEEN CHANGED FROM ASIAN MACHINERY CENTER TO REGIONAL RESEARCH INFORMATION NETWORK. JAPAN AND PHILIPPINES BOTH INDICATED SATISFACTION THIS DEVELOPMENT AND HOPED SECRETARIAT WOULD TAKE QUICK ACTION GET NETWORK SYSTEM STARTED. PRESUMABLY CENTER, NOW CALLED "REGIONAL NUCLEUS", WOULD STILL BE BUILT IN THE PHILIPPINES BUT FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION ONLY NOT FOR HARDWARE RESEARCH. THIS DEVELOPMENT SEEMED TO DEFUSE POSSIBLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE AT PLENARY SESSION (DESCRIBED BANGKOK A-19, JANUARY 24TH AND REFTEL). FINAL REPORT AND DRAFT PROJECT CONTRAINED OES/ACPR/32, FEBRUARY 15TH.

5. REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY SCHEME: MARAMIS EXPLAINED HIS SCHEME WAS ONLY OUTLINE DESIGNED TO PROVOKE DISCUSSION AT NEW DELHI IN ORDER PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS TO RORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE. HE HOPED AGREEMENT POSSIBLE AT NEW DELHI ON CONCTRETE SCHEMES TO EXPAND REGIONAL FOOD PRODUCTION. UK, US, USSR, JAPAN, ALL INDICATED FOOD SCHEME WAS PREMATURE. US STATEMENT BASED ON STATE 28748. AUSTRALIA ONLY INDICATED IT HAD CONVEYED ITS VIEWS (WE UNDERSTOOD TO BE NEGATIVE) EARLIER TO MARAMIS BUT THOUGHT IT PROPER TACKLE PROBLEMS REGIONALLY. UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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MARAMIS INDICATED FOOD SCHEME COULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER BOTH AGENDA ITEM 4 AND 5. MALAYSIA CRITICIZED UK NEGATIVE VIEWS BECAUSE QUOTE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HAD OT GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO FAMINE AND HUNGER, UNQUOTE, BUT WAS SILENT AFTER US AND USSR PRESENTATIONS. INDIA INDICATED SCHEME SHOULD CONTAIN METHODOLOGY ON PROVIDING FOOD AID ON PRE-AGREED TERMS.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: MARAMIS INDICATED RESOLUTIONS AT PLENARY SESSION EXPECTED ON FOLLOWING TOPICS: A. REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTING FOR INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, B. REGIONAL POST-

WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, C. REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS,
D. DECENTRALIZATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN REGION, E. ASIAN
TELECOMMUNITY. GROUP NOMINATED INDONESIAN PERMREP JASIN TO PRESENT
ACPR REPORT TO PLENARY. SECRETARIAT REQUESTED EIGHT COPIES OF ALL
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